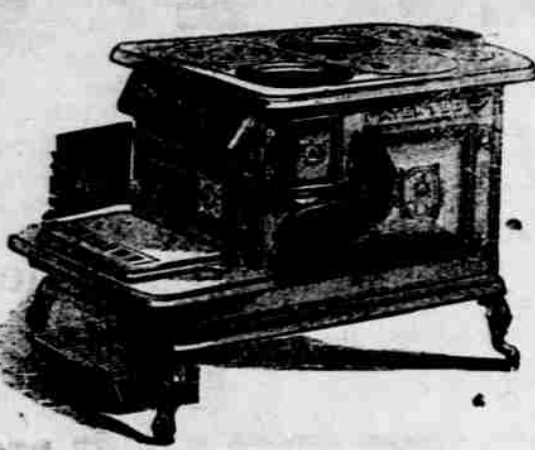


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Mr. J. J. Burdett, of the Hawkeye, in the New York

One day, not a great while ago, Mr.

Middlebri, who is a constant reader of

the New York Weekly, read in his fa-

vorite paper a paragraph copied from

the Prager Landwirthschaftliches Wo-

chenblatt, a German paper, which is an

accepted authority on such points, sta-

tating that the sting of a bee was a sure

cure for rheumatism, and citing several

remarkable instances in which people

had been perfectly cured by this abrupt

remedy. Mr. Middlebri did not stop

to reflect that a paper with such a name

as that could be very apt to say any-

thing; he only thought of the rheuma-

tic twinges that gnawed his knees once

in a while, and made life a burden to

him.

He read the article several times, and

pondered over it. He understood that

the stinging must be done scientifically

and thoroughly. The bee, as he under-

stands the article, was to be gripped by

the ears and set down upon the rheuma-

tic joint, and held there until it stung

itself stinging. He hardly thought it

could hurt any worse than the rheuma-

tism, and it had been so many years

since he was stung by a bee that he had

almost forgotten what it felt like. He

had, however, a general feeling that it

would hurt some. But desperate dis-

eases require desperate remedies, and

Mr. Middlebri was willing to undergo

any amount of suffering if it would cure

his rheumatism.

He contracted with Master Middle-

bri for a limited supply of bees, hum-

ming and buzzing about in the summer

air, but Mr. Middlebri did not know

how to get them. He felt, however,

that he could safely depend upon the in-

stincts and methods of boyhood. He

knew if there was any way in heaven

whereby the shyer bee that ever lifted

a two-hundred pound man off the clover

could be induced to enter a wide-mouth-

ed glass bottle, his son knew that way.

For the small sum of one dime Mas-

ter Middlebri agreed to procure several,

to-wit: six bees, sex and age not speci-

fied; but, as Mr. Middlebri was left in

uncertainty as to the race, it was made

obligatory upon the contractor to have

three of them honey and three bumble,

or, in the generally accepted vernacu-

lar, bumble-bees. Mr. M. did not tell

his son what he wanted those bees for,

and the boy went off on his mission

with his head so full of astonishment

that it fairly whirled. Evening brings

all home, and the last rays of the de-

clining sun fell upon Master Middlebri

with a short, wide-mouthed bottle com-

fortably populated with hot, ill-natured

bees, and Mr. Middlebri and a dime.

The time and the bottle changed hands.

Mr. Middlebri put the bottle in his coat-

pocket and went into the house, eyeing

everybody he met very suspiciously, as

though he had made up his mind to

sting to death the first person who said

"bee" to him. He confided his guilty

secret to none of his family. He hid

his bees in his bedroom, and as he looked

at them just before putting them

away, he half wished the experiment

was safely over. He wished the im-

prisoned bees did not look so hot and

cross. With exquisite care he submer-

ged the bottle in a basin of water and

let a few drops in on the heated inmates

to cool them off.

At the tea table he had a great fight,

Miss Middlebri, in the artless simplicity

of her romantic nature, said:

"I smell bees. How the odor brings

up!"

But her father glared at her and said,

with superfluous harshness and exorci-

smic grammar:

"Hush up! You don't smell any-

thing."

Mr. Middlebri was feeling around for it,

his ears were suddenly thrilled and his

heart frozen by a wild, piercing scream

from his wife.

"Murder!" she screamed, "murder!"

Oh! help me! Help! help!"

Mr. Middlebri sat bolt upright in bed.

His hair stood on end. The night was

warm, but he turned to ice in a minute.

"Where in thunder," he said with pal-

lid lips, "as he felt all over the bed in

frenzied haste—"where in thunder are

them infernal bees?"

And a large "bumble," with a sting as

pitiless as the finger of scorn, just then

climbed up the inside of Mr. Middlebri's

night-shirt, until it got squarely between

his shoulders, and then it felt for his

marrow, and said, calmly:

"Here is one of them."

And Mrs. Middlebri felt ashamed of

her feeble screams when Mr. Middlebri

threw up both arms, and with a howl

that made the windows rattle, roared:

"Take him off! Oh, land of Scott,

somebody take him off!"

And, when a little honey-bee began

ticking the sole of Mrs. Middlebri's

foot, she so shrieked that the house was

bewitched, and immediately went into

spasms.

The household was aroused by this

time. Miss Middlebri and Master Mid-

dlebri and the servants were pouring in

to the room, adding to the general con-

fusion by howling at random and ask-

ing irrelevant questions, while they

gazed at the figure of a man a little on

years, arrayed in a long night-shirt,

pawing fiercely at the untenable spot

in the middle of his back, while he

danced an unnatural, weird, wicked-look-

ing jig by the dim, religious light of the

night-lamp. A minute later he danced

and howled, and while they gazed and shout-

ed, a navy-blue wasp that Master Mid-

dlebri had put in the bottle for good

measure and variety, and to keep the

menagerie stirred up, had dried his legs

and wings with a corner of the sheet,

and after a preliminary circle or two

around the bed to get up his motion and

settle down to a working gait, he fired

himself across the room, and to his dy-

ing day Mr. Middlebri will always be-

lieve that one of the servants mistook

him for a burglar and shot him.

No one, not even Mr. Middlebri him-

self, could doubt that he was at least

for the time, most thoroughly cured

of rheumatism. His own boy could

not have carried himself more lightly

and with greater agility. But the cure

was not permanent, and Mr. Middlebri

does not like to talk about it.

Sweet Potatoes Should be Kept in a Cool,

Warm, Dry Room.